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SUBJECT: AIG CASE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CHARLES BROWER OF WHITE AND CASE, NOW IS LAGOS. MCAVOY OF WHITE AND CASE, ATTORNEYS FOR AIG IN WASHINGTON HAS RELAYED TO AF/W A REQUEST FROM BROWER FOR OUR OPINION OF FOUR POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE IN AIG/LEFEVRE CASES. THEY ARE DR. GRAHAM DOUGLAS, ROTIMI WILLIAMS, GODFREY AMACHREE, AND CHIEF AWOLOWO. WE TOLD MCAVOY THAT FROM THE LIMITED AND DATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, ROTIMI WILLIAMS WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE BEST QUALIFIED OF THE FOUR TO MEET AIG'S REQUIREMENTS BUT THAT WE CANNOT MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THAT WE BELIEVE THE BEST ADVICE IS TO BE FOUND IN LAGOS.

2. MCAVOY ALSO ASKED OUR OPINION OF BABATUNDE IBORONKE, WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO US. MCAVOY, HOWEVER, WISHES THE FOLLOWING TO BE PASSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BROWER. QUOTE HERB RECOMMENDS ONLY BABATUNDE IBORONKE, WHO IS ASSISTANT DEAN OF THE LAGOS LAW SCHOOL, A FORMER PROSE-CONFIDENTIAL

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CUTOR IN LAGOS, AND A MAN WHO HAS A MASTERS IN LAW FROM TORONTO AND WHO HAS BEEN CALLED TO THE BAR IN ENGLAND. HE TEACHES CRIMINAL LAW. HERB ADVISES THAT THE BEST WAY

TO REACH IBORONKE IS TO TELEPHONE HIM AT THE LAW SCHOOL AT EIGHT A.M. SCHOOL DAYS. END QUOTE

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